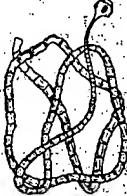


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3 : a tool for forming an internal screw thread 4 : an intermediate point in an electric circuit where a connection may be made 5 : the action or an instance of wiretapping — **on tap** 1 : ready to be drawn from a large container (as a cask or keg) *<Cale on tap>* 2 : broached or furnished with a tap 3 : on hand : AVAILABLE **tap** / **tapped**; **tap-ping** 1 : to let out or cause to flow by piercing or by drawing a plug from the containing vessel <~ wine from a cask> 2 a : to pierce so as to let out or draw off a fluid <~ maple trees> b : to draw from or upon <~ new sources of revenue> as 1 (1) : to cut in on (a telephone or telegraph wire) to get information (2) : to cut in (an electrical circuit) on another circuit 3 : to form a female screw in by means of a tap 4 : to get money from as a loan or gift 5 : to connect (a street gas or water main) with a local supply — **tap-per** n
tap vb **tapped**; **tap-ping** [ME *tappen*, fr. MF *taper* to strike with the flat of the hand, of Gmc origin; akin to MHG *tape* paw, blow dealt with the paw] vt 1 : to strike lightly esp. with a slight sound 2 : to give a light blow with <~ a pencil on the table> 3 : to bring about by repeated light blows <tapped out his by-line on the typewriter> 4 : to repair by putting a tap on 5 : SELECT DESIGNATE; SPECIFY : to elect to membership (as in a fraternity) — vi 1 : to strike a light audible blow : RAP 2 : to walk with light audible steps 3 : TAP-DANCE — **tap-per** n
tap n 1 a : a light usu. audible blow; also : its sound b : one of several usu. rapid drumbeats on a snare drum 2 : HALF SOLE 3 : a small metal plate for the sole or heel of a shoe
ta-pa \tā-pā\, \tā-pā\ [n [Marquesan & Tahitian] 1 : the bark of the paper mulberry or of an Hawaiian tree (*Pipturus albidus*) 2 : a coarse cloth made in the Pacific islands from the pounded bark of the paper mulberry, breadfruit, and other plants and usu. decorated with geometric patterns
tap dance n : a step dance tapped out audibly by means of shoes with hard soles or soles and heels to which taps have been added — **tap-dance** vt — **tap dancer** n — **tap dancing** n
tape \tāp\ n [ME, fr. OE *tappe*] 1 : a narrow woven fabric 2 : a string stretched breast-high above the finishing line of a race 3 : a narrow flexible strip or band; esp : MAGNETIC TAPE 4 : TAPE RECORDING
2 tape vb **taped**; **tap-ping** vt 1 : to fasten, tie, bind, cover, or support with tape 2 : to measure with a tape measure 3 : to record on tape and esp. magnetic tape <~ an interview> 4 : vi 1 : to record something on tape and esp. magnetic tape
3 tape adj 1 : recorded on tape <~ music> 2 : intended for use with recording (as magnetic) tape <~ a cartridge>
tape deck n 1 a : a mechanism that moves a tape past a magnetic head (as of a tape recorder) b : a device that contains such a mechanism and provisions usu. for the recording as well as the playback of magnetic tapes and that usu. has to be connected to a separate audio system 2 : TAPE PLAYER
tape grass n : a submerged aquatic plant (*Vallisneria spiralis* of the family *Vallisneriaceae*) with long ribbonlike leaves
tape-line \tā-plin\ n : TAPE MEASURE
tape measure n : a narrow strip (as of a limp cloth or steel tape) marked off in units (as inches or centimeters) for measuring
tape player : a self-contained device for the playback of recorded magnetic tapes
ta-per \tā-pər\ n [ME, fr. OE *tapōr*, *taper*] 1 a : a slender candle b : a long waxed wick used esp. for lighting candles, lamps, pipes, or fires c : a feeble light 2 a : tapering form or figure b : gradual diminution of thickness, diameter, or width in an elongated object c : a gradual decrease
2 taper adj 1 : progressively narrowed toward one end 2 : furnished with or adjusted to a scale : GRADUATED <~ freight rates>
3 taper vb **ta-pered**; **ta-per-ing** \tā-pər-ing\ vt 1 : to become progressively smaller toward one end 2 : to diminish gradually — vi 1 : to cause to taper
4 taper \tā-pər\ n : one that applies or dispenses tape
tape-re-cord \tā-pri-kōr\ vt [back-formation fr. *tape recording*] : to make a recording of on magnetic tape
5 tape recorder n : a device for recording on magnetic tape; esp : a combination of such a device and a playback device including a built-in power amplifier and a loudspeaker
6 tape recording n : magnetic recording on magnetic tape; also : a recording made by this process
ta-per-er \tā-pər-ər\ n : one who bears a taper in a religious procession
7 taper off vb : TAPER
8 tap-es-tried \tāp-ə-stred\ adj 1 : covered or decorated with or as if with tapestry 2 : woven or depicted in tapestry
9 tape-es-try \tāp-ə-stri\ n, pl **tries** [ME *tapisserie*, fr. MF *tapisserie*, fr. *tapisser* to carpet; cover with tapestry, fr. OF *tapis* carpet, fr. Gk *tapēs* rug, carpet] 1 : a heavy handwoven reversible textile used for hangings, curtains, and upholstery and characterized by complicated pictorial designs 2 : a nonreversible imitation of tapestry used chiefly for upholstery 3 : embroidery on canvas resembling woven tapestry <needlepoint, ~> 4 : something resembling tapestry (as in complexity or richness of design)
10 tapestry carpet n : a carpet in which the designs are printed in colors on the threads before the fabric is woven
11 tape-tum \tā-pēt-əm\ n, pl **ta-pe-ta** \tā-pēt-ə\ [NL, fr. L *tapea* carpet, tapestry, fr. Gk *tapētēs* rug, carpet] 1 : a layer of nutritive cells that invests the sporogenous tissue in the sporangium of higher plants 2 : any of various membranous layers or areas esp. of the choroid coat and retina of the eye
12 tape-worm \tāp-ə-worm\ n [fr. its shape] : any of numerous cestode worms (as of the genus *Taenia*) parasitic when adult in the intestine of man or other vertebrates
13 tap-hole \tāp-hōl\ n : a hole for a tap; specif : a hole at or near the bottom of a furnace or ladle through which molten metal, matte, or slag can be tapped
14 tap-i-o-ca \tāp-ē-ō-kā\ n [Sp & Pg, fr. Tupi *tupioca*] 1 : a usu. granular preparation of cassava starch used esp. in puddings and as a thickening in liquid food; also : a dish (as pudding) containing

tapioca 2 : a cassava plant — called also *tapioca plant*

ta-pir \tā-pir\ also \tā-pi(r)\, or \tā-pi(ə)r\ n, pl **ta-pir** or **ta-pirs** [Tupi *tapiro*] : any of several large inoffensive chiefly nocturnal ungulates (family *Tapiroidea*) of tropical America, Malaya, and Sumatra related to the horses and rhinoceroses
ta-pis \tā-pēs\ n [MF — more at TAPESTRY] obs
ta-pestry or **ta-pis** : tapestry or similar material used for hangings and floor and table coverings — **on the tapis** : under consideration <two more large jobs on the tapis> — J. D. Beresford



tap-off \tāp-ōf\ n : TIP-OFF

tap-pet \tāp-ət\ n [irreg. fr. *tap*] : a lever or projection moved by some other piece (as a cam) or intended to tap or touch something else to cause a particular motion

tap-ping n : the act, process, or means by which something is tapped

tap-pit \tāp-ət\ n [Sc *tappit*, alter. of E *tapped*] 1 : Scot : a crested hen 2 : Scot : a drinking vessel with a knob on the lid

tap-room \tāp-ə-rūm\, -rūm\ n : BARROOM

ta-rot \tā-rōt\, -rōt\ n [tap] 1 : a primary root that grows vertically downward and gives off small lateral roots 2 : one that has a deep central position in a line of growth or development

taps \tāps\ n pl but sing or pl in constr [prob. alter. of earlier *tapto* tattoo — more at TATTOO]

1 : the last bugle call at night blown as a signal that lights are to be put out; also : a similar call blown at military funerals and memorial services

tap-sal-tee-rie \tāp-sal-tē-rē\ adv [by alter.]

Scot : TOPSY-TURVY

tap-star \tāp-əstār\ n : one employed to dispense liquors in a barroom

tar \tār\ n [ME *terr*, *tarr*, fr. OE *teoru*; akin to OE *trēow* tree — more at TREE] 1 a : a dark brown or black bituminous usu. odorous viscous liquid obtained by destructive distillation of organic material (as wood, coal, or peat) b : a substance in some respects resembling tar; esp : a condensable residue present in smoke from burning tobacco that contains combustion by-products (as resins, acids, phenols, and essential oils) 2 [short for *tarpaulin*] : SAILOR

2 tar vt **tarred**; **tar-ring** : to smear with or as if with tar — **tar and feather** : to smear (a person) with tar and cover with feathers as a punishment or indignity

3 tar or tarre \tār\ or \tār-rē\ vt **tarred**; **tar-ring**; **tars** or **tarres** [ME *tēren*, *tarren*, fr. OE *tyrwan*] : to urge to action — usu. used with *on*

tar-ca-hi-tian \tār-bā-kē-hē-shān\ adj [Tarahumara (a Mexican people) + *Cahita* (a Mexican people)] : of, relating to, or constituting a language family of the Uto-Aztecian phylum

tar-a-did-dle or **tar-ra-did-dle** \tār-ə-did-dəl\, \tār-ə-did-dəl\ n [origin unknown] 1 : a minor falsehood : FIR 2 : pretentious nonsense

tar-an-tella \tār-ən-tē-lə\ n [It, fr. *Taranto*, Italy] : a vivacious folk dance of southern Italy in 3/4 time

tar-an-tism \tār-ən-tiz-əm\ n [NL *tarantismus*, fr. *Taranto*, Italy] : a dancing mania or malady of late medieval Europe

tar-an-tula \tār-ən-tə-lə\, \tār-ən-tə-lə\ n, pl **tar-an-tu-las** also **tar-an-tu-lae** \tār-ən-tə-lē, \tār-ən-tə-lē\ [ML, fr. Olt *tarantola*, fr. *Taranto*] 1 : a European wolf spider (*Lycosa tarantula*) popularly held to be the cause of tarantism 2 : any of various large hairy spiders (family *Theraphosidae*) that are typically rather sluggish and though capable of biting sharply are not significantly poisonous to man

ta-rax-a-cum \tār-ək-si-kōm\ n [NL, genus name, fr. Ar *tarakhshaqūn* wild chicory] : the dried rhizome and roots of the dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) used as a diuretic, a tonic, and an aperient

tar-boosh also **tar-bush** \tār-būsh, \tār-, \tār- [Ar *tarbush*] : a red hat similar to the fez worn esp. by Muslim men

tar-di-grade \tārd-ə-grād\ n [deriv. of L *tardigradus* slow-moving, fr. *tardus* slow + *gradus* step, go — more at GRADE] : any of a division (*Tardigrada*) of microscopic arthropods with four pairs of legs that live usu. in water or damp moss — **tardigrade** adj

tar-di-ly \tārd-ə-lē\ adj 1 : at a slow pace 2 : LATE

tar-do \tārd-ə-dō\ adj [It, fr. L *tardus*] : slow — used as a direction in music

tar-dy \tārd-ē\, **ad**. **tar-di-er** -est [alter. of earlier *tardif*, fr. MF, fr. (assumed) VL *tardivus*, fr. L *tardus*] 1 : moving slowly : SLUGGISH 2 : delayed beyond the expected or proper time

3 tar-dy \tārd-ē\, **ad**. **tar-di-ly** \tārd-ē-lē\, **ad**. **tar-di-ness** \tārd-ē-nəs\ n [syn. *TARDY*, LATE, BEHINDHAND, OVERDUE] shared meaning element

1 : not arriving, occurring, or done at the set, due, or expected time

4 tar-dy adj [syn. *PROMPT*, *PUNCTUAL*]

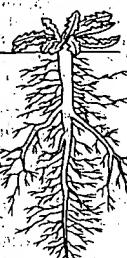
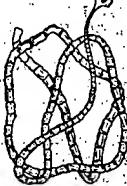
5 tar-dy n, pl **tar-dies** : an instance of being tardy (as to a class)

6 tare \tār\, \tār\ n [ME] 1 a : the seed of a vetch b : any of several vetches (esp. *Vicia sativa* and *V. hirsuta*) 2 pl : a weed of grainfields usu. held to be the darnel

3 tar-e \tār\ n [ME, fr. MF, fr. Olt *tara*, fr. Ar *tarha*, lit., that which is removed] 1 : a deduction from the gross weight of a substance and its container made in allowance for the weight of the container

2 : COUNTERWEIGHT: esp : an empty vessel similar to a container used to counterpoise change in weight of the container due to conditions (as temperature or moisture)

4 tare vt **tared**; **tar-ing** : to ascertain or mark the tare of; esp



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